

# THE MESSAGE

L. A. BIRD, Local Editor.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899.

Dr. Bachman, Dentist, north side square. 3m

Examine Buckner & Whitney's line of 25c articles.

Miss Emma Cook, of Laddonia, is the guest of friends in this city.

Mrs. J. G. Harley and Mrs. Samuel Hale of Laddonia, are visiting in Mexico.

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The MESSAGE wishes its every reader and advertiser and all mankind a merry Christmas.

The Mexico public schools close to day and reopen the next Tuesday after New Year's.

Mr. Asa Holbrook and Miss Julia Reynolds, both of this county were married last week.

Wm. H. Haley, Jr., of St. Louis, and Miss Cora Jesse, of this County, were married last week.

The revival meeting at the Baptist church is still in progress. A great and good work has been wrought.

Miss Lula Gilmore, of Carthage, aged 14, died from the effects of a wound in the neck, caused by scissars thrown across the room to the table, by her eight-year-old brother.

Al Bodine, colored barber, pleaded guilty and paid a fine this week on the charge of stealing coal. It seems that he hired two colored youths to do the filching.

J. B. Gass, a former resident of this county, died at Fort Smith, Ark., last Saturday. He was a brother of A. K. Gass, now of near Laddonia, and A. G. and Prof. J. P. and H. A. Gass, all well remembered in this County.

The Philippine war has caused the death of another brave officer, Gen. Lawton. A bullet of a Filipino struck him in the breast at San Malto and he died immediately. War is hell, and war is cost in money and lives.

James Wm. Skelly and Miss Pearl Smith, of near Rush Hill, were married last week. They will reside in St. Louis. Mr. Skelly is a government engineer and is a son of Mrs. C. M. Skelly of near Laddonia. The MESSAGE wishes the young couple bon voyage thru life.

A Democratic club will be organized at Gatewood school house, this County, next Saturday night. Right move. There should be a getting together of the Democrats in thoro organization all over the State and nation. Let the move begin at once and with the new year.

Speaker Henderson has announced his committee in the House at Washington. Chamo Clark, from this Congressional district, retains his place on foreign affairs, with membership on patents. Benton, from Missouri, gets Dockery's old place on appropriations. Cochran missed the place he desired on banking and currency, but returns to coinage. All these are good places and the Missouri delegation is thankful that a Republican speaker remembered them as well as he did.

Billie Lear of Farber has brought suit against the C. & A. railroad for \$1,999 for an accident which occurred one night last August while he was on his way to assist in replacing a railroad engine. He alleges that by the thoughtless conduct of the foreman, while the hand car was in motion he was ordered to jump from the car, which passed over him, and he received injuries which will disable him for life. The accident caused a broken leg and one foot was badly injured and crushed.

**Lost.**  
A pocket book containing about \$8. Between Mexico and Benton City, or in Mexico. Leave with Clay Lupton, Mexico, and get reward. H. S. CLARK, Benton City, Mo.

## Our Country Cousins

Spicy News from Various Parts of the County

**Laddonia.**  
Mrs. Mendenhall is convalescent.

The Bazaar held by the ladies of the Christian Church was well patronized. The program was well rendered. All that was lacking was a larger hall. Laddonia needs a public hall more than anything else at present.

Robert Steele and family are talking of moving to Illinois to reside. We regret to have them go, as they will be greatly missed.

Christmas is coming and Santa has filled every business house with goods that will make the best of presents.

Corn is coming in and is selling for 30 cents.

Mrs. M. A. Spencer and Wm. Spencer left Friday to spend the winter in Cripple Creek, Colo.

J. S. Quisenberry has bought an interest in the coal bank belonging to John Stevens.

Coal has gone up to 9 cents per bushel delivered in town. Every one is well pleased with the MESSAGE and wish it success. They like it because it is a NEWS-paper, filled with the latest news from County and State, with large type and easy to read. That is what makes a paper look inviting to the reader.

**Marlinsburg.**

Only one week until Christmas. Rubie Darlington was in town Tuesday.

The Baptist church is completed and is sure a beauty.

John Folter, east of town, has a very sick child.

Jake Quick, of Laddonia, was on our streets Friday.

John O'Daniel, of near Wells-ville, was trading in town Friday.

Fred Kellerhals, of Benton City, was trading in our city Friday.

Noah Tolleston came up from St. Louis Friday to visit his parents here.

Mrs. Hattie Wright has returned to her home at Huntsville.

Mrs. West, of Vandalia, was on our streets canvassing Friday.

Miss Pearl Christman visited her friend, Miss Ida Davis, Saturday.

George Smith has moved his family to town. We welcome him to our midst.

The Woodmen will meet next Thursday night to elect officers for the coming year.

The coal trade is booming in our little city. The hands work day and night to meet the trade.

Miss Emma Johnson was the guest of Miss Ollie Kelly Thursday night.

Clarence Barnes and Mr. Cluster, of Mexico, took dinner with Robert Morris and wife Wednesday.

J. J. Johnson arrived Wednesday with a drove of cattle which he intends to feed this winter.

M. V. Taylor, of Shamrock, shipped in a fine drove of cattle Wednesday.

Mrs. Wilson took the train here Tuesday for Colorado to join her husband and son, who have been there for some time past.

**Wesley Chapel**

Hixon & son bought of N. Haggen 7 head of heifer calves at \$15 per head. Also one white faced cow at \$37.50.

Cliff Dudgeon bought of Jas. Davis two hogs at \$3.40 per cwt, also a lot of hogs of Wm. Shields at \$3.40 per cwt.

R. L. Day bought of — Day one heifer calf at \$15.

Mrs. John Able, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Joseph Able visited Mrs. D. M. Price last Wednesday.

**Vandalia.**

Rev. J. S. Conner, who has been preaching to the Baptist people here for the last eight years is moving his goods and his family to Kirksville where he has accepted a call to preach.

Wm. Jamison, who has been in South Missouri for a number of weeks returned a few days ago.

Horse buyers are scouring the country for horses, still they sell low.

The members of the Baptist church here will meet on Saturday afternoon of Dec. 30th, 1899, to call a pastor for the coming year.

Joe Carr, of Center, was over last Sunday to see his sister, who

has been in bad health for more than a year.

Our sporting men are all on hand ready for the holidays. John Thole is still in the market for dogs. He wants good coon dogs.

Dave Pike still leads the old race mare around, but can't get bets. Joe Glascock is busy in his store, but will quit any time to see a horse race.

Our old friend, A. B. Daniel, was on the streets today. He is enjoying fairly good health, considering that he is in his eighty-seventh year. Mr. Daniel is the oldest Mason in this section, having belonged to that order since 1837. He is an uncompromising Democrat of the Jeffersonian type. There is no better man living than Uncle Daniel.

**Rush Hill.**

Everybody is cordially invited to visit the ladies bazaar on the corner of Main street.

Ed Feutz shipped one load of cattle to St. Louis Monday.

J. F. Green shipped three loads of hogs to St. Louis last week, one from Rush Hill and two loads from Perry.

Miss Jessie Maxwell will return home Saturday. Her term of school will be out Friday at Gazette, Mo.

E. Feutz is doing a big poultry business this week.

Jake Dillon will go to Virginia the 22d to visit relatives. We wish him a happy trip, and Jake will have it.

The little fellows in our town are making the stocking trade good for our merchants, they all want new stockings for old Santa Clause to fill.

Bill Spencer and mother left Thursday night for Cripple Creek, Colo., to reside.

Mrs. James, Quince James mother, is very low with pneumonia.

Several from our town were in Mexico Tuesday shopping.

Elmer Johnson was in our city Monday.

Ralph Fry and mother will leave in a few days for Gibbinsville, Idaho.

The second meeting of the Central Audrain Teachers' Institute held at the Walker school Dec. 15, was a success. While the inclemency of the weather kept some of the teachers from coming, a goodly number was present and entered heartily into the discussion. There were several good papers read and discussed. Prof. Faulkner's paper was especially appreciated. The patrons of the district were there with dinner baskets and helped them dispose of the subjects in question and the teachers helped them dispose of the contents of their baskets. The dinner! Words fail to describe it. To appreciate it one needed to have been there. The meeting was an enjoyable one in every sense and will be long remembered by all present. The next meeting is set for Jan. 13th at Rush Hill school house. Every body invited to attend.

We wish the Mexico MESSAGE and its employees a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and may the paper live long and ever prosper.

**Skinner.**

The almost total eclipse of the moon Saturday night was a fine sight to behold.

P. T. Bruce sold half a load of hogs to go the first of January to C. M. Berry at 4 cents.

Dr. Ha'e DeJarnett is home for Christmas holidays a vacation of two weeks.

A bright baby boy, and a democrat to now grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thole.

J. D. Ellis sold his valuable farm near here consisting of 160 acres to his brother Oleva recently. Consideration \$14,000. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ellis will move to their newly improved farm near Mexico about the first of March. We regret losing such valuable people as they are from our midst, but commend them highly to the people where they go.

Wm. F. Willey and two little daughters have been the victims of the taking of a very severe vac-

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ination the past weeks. We are glad to say they are now convalescent.

Mr. James Berry died at his home last Friday a week Dec. 8th of heart trouble. Mr. Berry was 82 years old, highly respected and honored by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, four sons and a number of grand children to mourn over his death. The remains were interred in the Berea Cemetery Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. A host of friends followed there to the grave.

C. L. Bruce sold 50 head of 2-year-old steers to Shaanon Brown last week at 4 1/2 cents per pound. Christmas party bells are beginning to ring.

Smallpox scare in this vicinity has subsided. No smallpox near here.

Dr. R. S. McDowell of the Western Dental College, Kansas City, is home for Christmas vacation.

A Democratic club will be organized at Gatewood school house next Saturday evening. Time set to meet 7 o'clock. All loyal Democrats are requested to be there.

**Walker District.**

Old Bro. Dye must surely have gotten hold of the wrong end of the hog melt again from the appearance of the weather.

There is some corn in the field yet.

Hay is bringing six dollars a ton in this neighborhood.

We are glad to see the hog market rising.

The patrons of the Walker District were the recipients of an thr thrach rs' institute the 16th inst. Come again.

Some corn was sold here last week at 3 1/2 cents per bushel. Our school is quiet and progress-

ing nicely. Prof. Cohen teacher.

We find with much pleasure that your columns are fair. We trust that your paper may be read in thousands of homes every week. A good paper is enjoyed at every fireside. We recommend the MESSAGE to all.

BETTER DAYS.

St. Louis Christmas Mirror.

Better days are with us now.

The light upon the land is clear.

And men are true to the faith of better days.

The shadowland that ages know as Fear,

Has had its searching sun to clear a waste for human need.

"Twere better once!" is but a grave-yard moan,

For Time, once dead, is good for nought but stone;

And men and deeds whose coming we await,

Are more than buried millions, once elate.

The books we read, the stage we feel upon,

Are richer in their worth than others gone.

And though we strive to better what is best,

The better days to come will let no idol rest. —Homer Hayford.

"Hub" Assigning.

The Hub Shoe & Clothing Store in this city made voluntary assignment for the benefit of all creditors Tuesday afternoon of this week. The assignment includes the branch store at Marshall, also. The liabilities are thought to slightly exceed \$4,000. Assets will nearly cover this amount.

Mr. Scheinberg, the proprietor, hopes to be able to straighten out matters in a short time and to open store again. Full business and heavy expenses cause of the failure.

H. H. Larrimore is the receiver for the "Hub" which made assignment Tuesday.

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Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss  
County of Audrain }  
In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1900.

Thomas B. Elzea, Plaintiff,

vs.

The unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, all deceased, Defendants.

Now on this day December 4th, 1899, comes the Plaintiff herein by his attorneys, and files his petition in vacation verified by affidavit, stating among other things that the unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, are unknown to plaintiff and may be non-resident of the State of Missouri.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, that service cannot be had upon the unknown defendants in the ordinary way,

It is ordered by the Clerk of said Court in vacation that publication be made notifying said unknown defendants that a suit has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of Audrain county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to correct title in the east half of the northeast quarter of Section Four, all in Township 52, Range 9 West, Audrain county Missouri, and vest the title in the plaintiff, under the Statutes on Limitations, Section 6770 chapter 103, Revised Statutes 1889, and the amendments thereof and alleging further that he has no knowledge of the interest of said unknown heirs unless it be by inheritance from said John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas as child or children of said parties, and unless you the said unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas be and appear at the next regular term of this Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid on the 3d Monday in January, A. D. 1900, and on or before the 3d day thereof answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's petition herein, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment rendered according to the prayer thereof.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the "Mexico Missouri MESSAGE" a weekly newspaper published in the county of Audrain and state of Missouri for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said next term of this court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss  
County of Audrain, }

I, J. C. Buckner, clerk of the circuit court within and for the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the order of publication in the above entitled cause, as full as the same now appears on record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. Done at office in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid, this 4th day of December 1899.

{ SEAL } J. C. BUCKNER, Clerk.

Fry & Clay, Attorneys.

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